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Sir:

I, Jasmine I. Dakais, Ph.D., a citizen of Canada, hereby declare and state:

1. The curriculum vitae attached as Exhibit A to my Rule 132 Declaration submitted January 18, 2002 in this application accurately reflects my professional credentials.

2. I am a joint inventor named in the above-identified application, as well as the Senior Scientist of Ingeneus Research, an affiliate of the assignee of the application, Ingeneus Corp. As such, I am familiar with the application and the correspondence with the United States Patent and Trademark Office relating to the application.

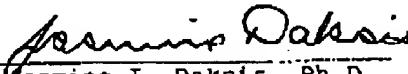
3. I have reviewed the McGavin references cited of record in this application. The McGavin references disclose theoretical, computer-based models for multiplex nucleic acid sequences, but do not disclose or suggest how the virtual structures depicted by the computer models could be prepared using real nucleic acids. McGavin reveals nothing regarding hybridization conditions, such as temperature, time, hybridization medium, hybridization

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